



A Lithuanian doll among dolls. Ain't she cute?
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#### IRISH FEIS MAY 28

W. B. Yeats, well known poetic tribute in recent years, "I Am Ireland", was inspired by recorded reports of Erin's folk dances during the years 1300-1500. These folk dances in their original graceful beauty will be presented at the Los Angeles Feis on Sunday, May 23rd in Mount Carmel High School, 7011 So. Hoover Street, Los Angeles.

The program will start at 1:30 PM and will be highlighted by Eire's traditional music and dances. This is the third annual Feis (pr. Fesh) and is sponsored by the Celtics of the Southland who cherish their heritage. A special feature of the Feis will be the champion State Contest for California Seniors on the Irish Jig, Reel or Hornpipe. Other contestants will receive cups, trophies and medals.

A large committee is actively assisting the general chairman, Dr. John O. Murrin. ABK



Mrs. Yokubynas and Mrs. Dervinas, two charming ladies from Toronto, Canada, spent a month in California. Their first stop was a day in San Diego and on that day it rained "cats, dangs and puddles." I didn't succeed in convincing them that it was an "unusual" day and that we really have here sunshine only.

Yours Truly is most grateful to David Shatto for a roll of tape on which a half dozen Sardanas are recorded. David picked them up while in Barcelona. Moltes Gracias, David... Ira and Lil Glick are ever busy imparting education upon others and into themselves. She teaches, he teaches and is likewise involved in a research project for the University of Chicago. Both are smart and sharp as whips.

Pino and Marion Ferri, Californians, moved to Schenectady, N. Y. and Schenectady Folkdancers signed them up immediately as their instructors... Jack Mona, San Franciscan boy in blue stationed in San Diego, who was very helpful working on VILTIS, was shipped to Japan (durn it). Before his sailing his folks arrived from S. F. for a weekend with him. Jack also belonged to Vyts'es Arab and Lith groups who appeared at the San Diego Folk Festival... This teaching of Sailor Boys for an exhibition group is just a plain headache. It is either duty night, sailing for maneuvers or transferring them to other localities, as they did to Robbie Miller, an excellent dancer now gone to Seattle.

Following the cue set by Robin Hood (???) the Richard Bennett Clan, moved straight as the arrow shoots and landed in a forest between Monterey and Carmel, on Pebble Beach and amid "mucho romantic atmosphere." They say their wandering (or wondering) days are over and they plan to live happily for ever after. May your hopes be materialized.

Juanita Wood of Anchorage was a busy gal for a while. She put on four exhibition numbers for the Fur Rendezvous Festival which is held during February and also presented an Ice Carnival in which 300 kids from under the 7th grades participated, plus, plus... Good gal. Juanita "threatens" to come down to Idylwild and San Diego this coming summer. We'll wait for you.

Since the mountain wouldn't go to Mohamed he went to the mountain. Same happened in the case of the Gelmans and Wessons. Since Morry and Nancy and kids decided to remain in Germany, Dorothy Wesson herself left for Deutschland on March 15th. I'm sure they'll have a happy reunion and gabbfest.

In L. A., "Dancing Feet Millie" Libaw teamed up with Ira Wolf in teaching a beginners class at Berendo High School on Monday Evenings... Our San Diego "Arabs" and "Arabesques" (the latter with their nose-veils) got themselves televized over Channel 8 showing them performing at the San Diego festival (See more on it elsewhere).

Al Ažukas, expert weaver, just returned from an extended visit in Algiers where he spent a half year. He also visited other North-African countries as well as Spain... The Harmans and Ralph Page are scheduled to fly to Japan next fall where they will conduct a session in folk and contra dances. Bon voyage to "youse guys".

Walter Rephun of San Diego won two dance contests during the pre-Easter week, one in Fox Trot and the other in Waltz. How does it feel to be a two-time winner?



#### Martha Lucille Saxton

Born in Siesta Key, Fla. to Dean, Jr. and Lucille Saxton of Plymouth, Michigan, on January 9th. Dean, a Naval vet, grew up in a folk dance atmosphere and belonged to several groups. Attended the National Folk Festival and is a "Circle Piner". Now, both he and Mrs. Saxton are deeply interested in the Mission Field. Congratulations.

#### Nina Edith Gelman

Born on January 14th in Munich, Germany, to Morry and Nancy Gelman, well loved folk dance leaders from the Minnesotan Twin-Cities. Morry is now a civilian employee with the Armed Forces and meanwhile is gathering a wealth of Schuhplattles and other Austro-German dances which he will bring with him this coming summer while on their vacation. Best of Luck.

#### Stephen Lee Spear

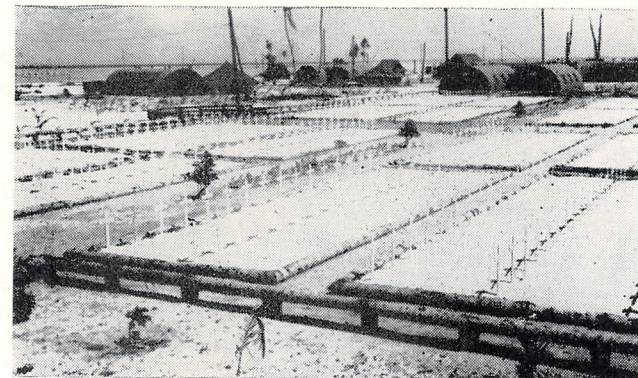
Born February 1 in Chicago to Al and Edie Spear, folk dancers of many years. Al belonged to a French, Lithuanian and Polish group, attended folk festivals since the late 30ies. Edie joined the folk dance tribe upon meeting Al and it has been happy dancing since. The very best wishes.

#### ALLAN ARTHUR NICHOLS

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Nichols (she - nee Doris Rose) of Madison, Wis. are the proud parents of Allan, born on January 11th, just one day before proud granpa Albert Rose's birthday. They still can celebrate double birthday parties. The newcomer, like Mama, is also a red-head. Sincere felicitations to all.

#### Karin Lee Szablowski

Born to Ed and Mary Szablowski of Los Angeles, on January 18th, popular L. A. dancers and members of I.D.C. and Gandy's. All L. A.ers and VILTIS extend congratulations to Ed and Mary.



A Beachhead cemetery on a lonely Pacific Isle where our boys lie.



#### IN PERPETUAL MEMORIAM

To Our Friends Who Died For Their Country  
During World War II

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Pat A. Arnold           | James J. Leary         |
| Bruce Bliss             | Worth McCue            |
| Charles Christos Contos | Donald Newman          |
| George Dearborn, Jr.    | Stanley Papciak        |
| Henry Dutkiewicz        | Edward J. Pučkorius    |
| Hugh M. Fraser          | Joseph Rigas           |
| Ernest Barry Gaston     | Charles A. Rudauskas   |
| James Hall              | John Rukštala          |
| William Harris          | Jack Solomon           |
| John D. Hoover          | Franklin Parker Totton |
| C. James Hulling        | John Wasilauskas       |
| Charles Lee             | Chester Wilczynski     |

Bruno Žurawski

Grant Them Eternal Rest, O Lord,  
And Let Perpetual Light Shine on Them

#### A LETTER TO ST. PETER

By Elma Dean

Let them in, Peter, they are very tired,  
Give them the couches where the angels sleep.  
Let them awake whole again, to new dawns fired  
With sun, not war. And may their peace be deep.  
Remember where the broken bodies lie . . .  
And give them things they like. Let them make noise.  
God knows how young they were to have to die!  
Give them swing bands, not gold harps, to these  
our boys.

Let them love, Peter—they have had no time—  
Girls sweet as meadow wind, with flowering hair . . .  
They should have trees and bird song, hills to climb  
The taste of summer in a ripened pear.  
Tell them how they are missed. Say not to fear;  
It's going to be alright with us down here.

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## The Boys in Uniform

### LT. DAUŽVARDIS BREAKS FLIGHT RECORD

Tall and handsome Fabian, member of the ATEITIS folk dance group and son of the Lithuanian Consul of Chicago, surprised mother with a visit, stopping off in Chicago while flying in from Okinawa en route to El Paso. Because he broke the speed record for this flight he was able to make this surprise visit. However, Papa Daužvardis didn't get to see Fabe and his new mustache, as he was then in Pittsburgh speech-making. After the Chicago visit Fabian left once again for Okinawa.

Cpl. Liudas Stukas, handsome dancer, singer, pianist, organist and all around talented young man from New Jersey (Hillside) and member of the Ruta folk dance group, was discharged from service. He was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, and left on February 14th for home. While there he became quite popular and well loved among all and before his leaving there were many farewell and surprise parties for him, and regrets to see him leave, even tho everyone's goal is to go home.

Senior Aircraft Electrician Jimmy Richey of Ripon, Cal. is expected home for good this coming fall, and back into folk dancing will it be. The Army educated him in two Electronic schools and gave him three stripes to boot.

Cpl. James Radostitz (Ateitis) who with his wife Pat are now at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Texas, are pleasantly amazed at the big hearted hospitality of those Texans. They got themselves involved with the square dancers and love it.

Jessie Polka has become a favorite among the "Jeunesse" (Youth) of Juzennecourt, France, where Lt. Col. Wayne Wills and Clarice, instruct. But they call it "Je Suis Polka" (Zhey Swee—I am), and the dance is spreading throughout the Haute Marne region.

Dean Linscott, known dancer of California's Southland, is now stationed in Ft. Benning, Ga. To get there he danced his way. He danced in San Antonio, Tex., in Tuscon, Ariz., in Laredo and Austin, Tex. Now he does the same in "Geawgia." VILTITES Roy McCutcheons showed him a grand time in Texas and the Fred Collettes are likewise eager to extend their southern hospitality. Brother Don Linscott was also drafted March 25th. Good luck to both.

#### Cpl. Paul Plungie discharged

Paul is a proud soul who boasts of his home state of good ole New Jersey, and the city, none other than Elizabeth. Paul worked with the Post Ordnance Company of Ft. Richardson. He was very active in Lith. circles prior to his greetings from Uncle Sam. He was a member of the Ruta Folk Dance Group and participated in many Lith. events that St. Peter and Paul's Lith. Church in Elizabeth had. While in Alaska, Paul is making good use of one of his hobbies—which is folk dancing. He danced with Juanita Woods Folk Dance Group of Anchorage. He is now back home.

#### Ann Zaldaris

Ann is the morale booster for the Liths stationed at Ft. Richardson and is known as our "Angel." She is district nurse Supervisor for Alaska Public Health Dept. of Southern Alaska. During World War II, she was a Capt. with the Womans Army Nurse Corps. Ann has seen much of the world and to her, there is no place like wonderful Alaska. Her job is very important and many times she is called out to various villages all over Alaska for consultations from Nurses stationed at far away places. She loves her job and enjoys going out to various parts of Alaska. Wherever she goes, her camera goes with her, and Ann has some of the most beautiful pictures one can see. Many times, Ann has all the Lith GI's over to her home for dinner. We all have a wonderful time always, as the neighbors can hear us harmonizing to Lith folk songs or speaking the Lith language. Ann was born in omaqua, Pa. although her folks now live in Jersey.